



The Congo

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Easter Schedule

There will be NO games played Easter Saturday 23rd April.

As a result there will be no training for all junior teams on Wednesday 20th April

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to the following players who are celebrating their birthdays this week;

Jeyan Oner (U/6) 12/4 Tomislav Teklic (U/10) 18/4

Congratulations

**Keegan Murray
who played in his**

100th

Club Game on Saturday, 9th April 2011)
Under 13s

Reminder to ALL Players and Parents

2011 Registration Fees are NOW OVERDUE

**If you have not yet paid your Registration Fees for the 2011 season please do so
IMMEDIATELY**

This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 16th April 2011

- Under 6** vs OLOR (Black) at Phillips Park (2) at 9.00am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am
- Under 8** vs St Bernadettes (Tigers) at Phillips Park (1) at 8.30am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.00am
- Under 9** vs OLQP Falcons (P) at Phillips Park, at 9.20am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.50am
- Under 10** vs OLQP Falcons at Phillips Park at 10.10am
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.30am
- Under 11** vs OLOR (White) at Phillips Park (1), at 11.00am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10.30am
- Under 13** vs Ermington United at George Kendall Riverside Park (1),
Trumble Ave Ermington (UBD 212 J5) at 10.15am.
Meet at George Kendall No Later than 9.30am
- Reserve & 1st Grade** vs Macarthur Wasps at Phillips Park at 1.30 &
3.15pm.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 12.45pm

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 9TH APRIL 2011

Under 6s defeated Newington 3-1 at Phillips Park:

In what was an exciting match the Under 6s dominated against Newington at Phillips Park. Mohamad Mehajer played a great game finding the net twice. Adam Mhajer also added to the score whilst playing a solid

game. Jae Baty and Nicholas Murray made some good breaks and defended well. Aydan Hamdan played a great game in goals while Gabriel Hamdan, Yehye Hamdan, Jeyan Oner, Anna McLennan and

Samuel Hawach played great with some good breaks and some close shots at goal. The final score was 3-1 to Lidcombe against Newington.

Under 8s lost to OLOR (White) 0-8 at Kellyville Park:

The under 8s played OLOR at Kellyville Park. This was a testing match for Lidcombe that saw the whole team put in a valiant effort for the entire game. There were some great chances for Lidcombe

bursting through the middle but they were unlucky not to score. Mya El-Afchal played her first game with Lidcombe and provided some excellent defence. Brandon Thai and Justin Chan-Frias

both played well. The two goalkeepers, George Faingataa and Jordan Hawach, also put in a great effort.

Unfortunately OLOR were just too strong for Lidcombe on the day.

Under 9s defeated St Bernadettes (Eagles) 1-0 at Phillips Park:

The team played with plenty of enthusiasm and the improvement in their play after just one training session was noticeable. A late goal to Shayan Sana proved the difference between the two teams. Everyone

played well, but the best player was undoubtedly Shayan, probably the smallest player on the field, who showed some good skills when running with the ball and managed to dribble past quite a few opposition players. Yatin

Moharana also deserves a special mention for staying in his position and defending well at the back while Bilal Durnali made some good saves playing as goal keeper.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 9TH APRIL (CONT)

Under 10s defeated St Bernadettes (Lions) 1-0 at Eric Mobbs Reserve:

The Under 10's played with a full team this week and the difference from last week was very noticeable. Passes were being put together to set up numerous attacking raids. The defence of Kin Challenger, Calvin Iturra and Tomislav Teklic was

well organised and supported with great goal-keeping from Chris May. The midfield lead by Abraham Hamdan and Arti Nithiananthan dominated play. Lidcombe took the lead in the 12th minute when Salim Mehajer chased a good through

ball from Kennu Challenger to pressure the opposition defence to panic and put the ball in the back of their own goal. Lidcombe continued their great form in the second half and were unfortunate not to come away with a greater winning margin.

Under 11s lost to Guildford McCredie 0-2 at Phillips Park:

U11's lost to Guildford McCredie 0-2 at Phillips Park. An own goal in each half was the result for the team today. Firstly I would like to say how well the team reacted with their own-goals. They did not say a negative word, stayed together as a team and continued to play with their heads high. Thank you to all for displaying team spirit. Unfortunately the pressure from the opposition gave them many more advantages as

they found themselves in our goal area more often than we could find theirs. An improvement by Akash Mubarik and John Mubarik throughout the entire match with Vinushan Kunganathan and Fadi Naboulsi showing good ball skill towards the end of the match as they listened to what was asked of them at training. Both goal keepers, Andrew Lylo and Mitchell Djelevski must be mentioned for their

incredible performance against a very strong and confident opposition. The areas our team were lacking in today were: listening to their mentors, communicating to one another and holding their position. A huge thank you to the parents for supporting the decisions made by the coaches. Best for the locals were James Lawandos, Mitchell Djelevski and Hamze Taha.

Under 13s lost to Wenty Waratah 0-4 at Phillips Park:

A new season, new comp and a wonderful sunny day, just what you need for your first game, just a shame the team as a whole decided not to show up for it. A tired and lazy effort is about all I can say. The first five minutes were good then it seemed like the lights went out on the

team because the rest of the game we just didn't do a thing. We couldn't string two passes together, couldn't tackle, couldn't fight for 50/50 balls, we were on the field we just didn't want to play. Thoroughly deserved the 4-0 loss and apart from Adam Yoon who ran all

day, Ibrahim Annous who tackled strongly and Patrick May who kept the score somewhat respectable it could have been a lot more. Let's hope we show up this week or it could be a very long season ahead.

Premier League Reserve Grade lost to St Patricks 0-6 at Jones Park

Premier League First Grade lost to St Patricks 2-9 at Jones Park:

Going into two games against St Patricks – competition winners in both grades last year - on a hot afternoon at Jones Park with only 20 players available meant we were always going to be in for a tough "day at the office" and the 0-6 loss in Reserves and 2-9 loss in

First Grade (goals to Mat James and Adrian Martinez) while disappointing were not all that surprising. One consolation we can take out of the day's play is the Club spirit shown by so many of the players in backing up to play at least a game and a half in

difficult conditions. When we get our full complement of players back on deck which hopefully will be soon, I'm sure we will be much more competitive. St Patricks won't beat us by these margins again!